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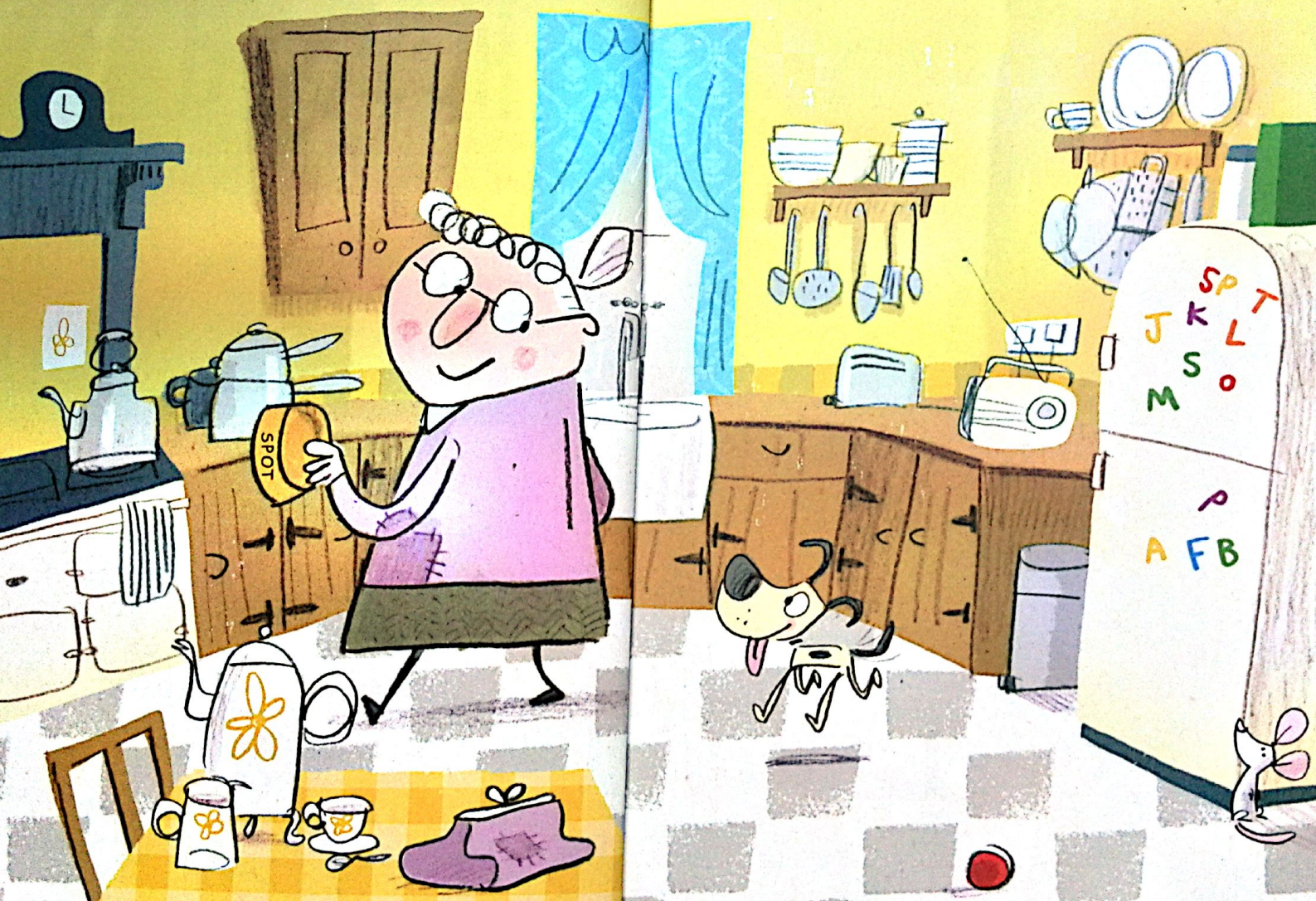


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Old Mother Hubbard
went to the cupboard,

to fetch her poor doggie
a bone.



But when she got there,
the cupboard was bare.



And so the poor doggie
had none.



Old Mother Hubbard
shut up the cupboard



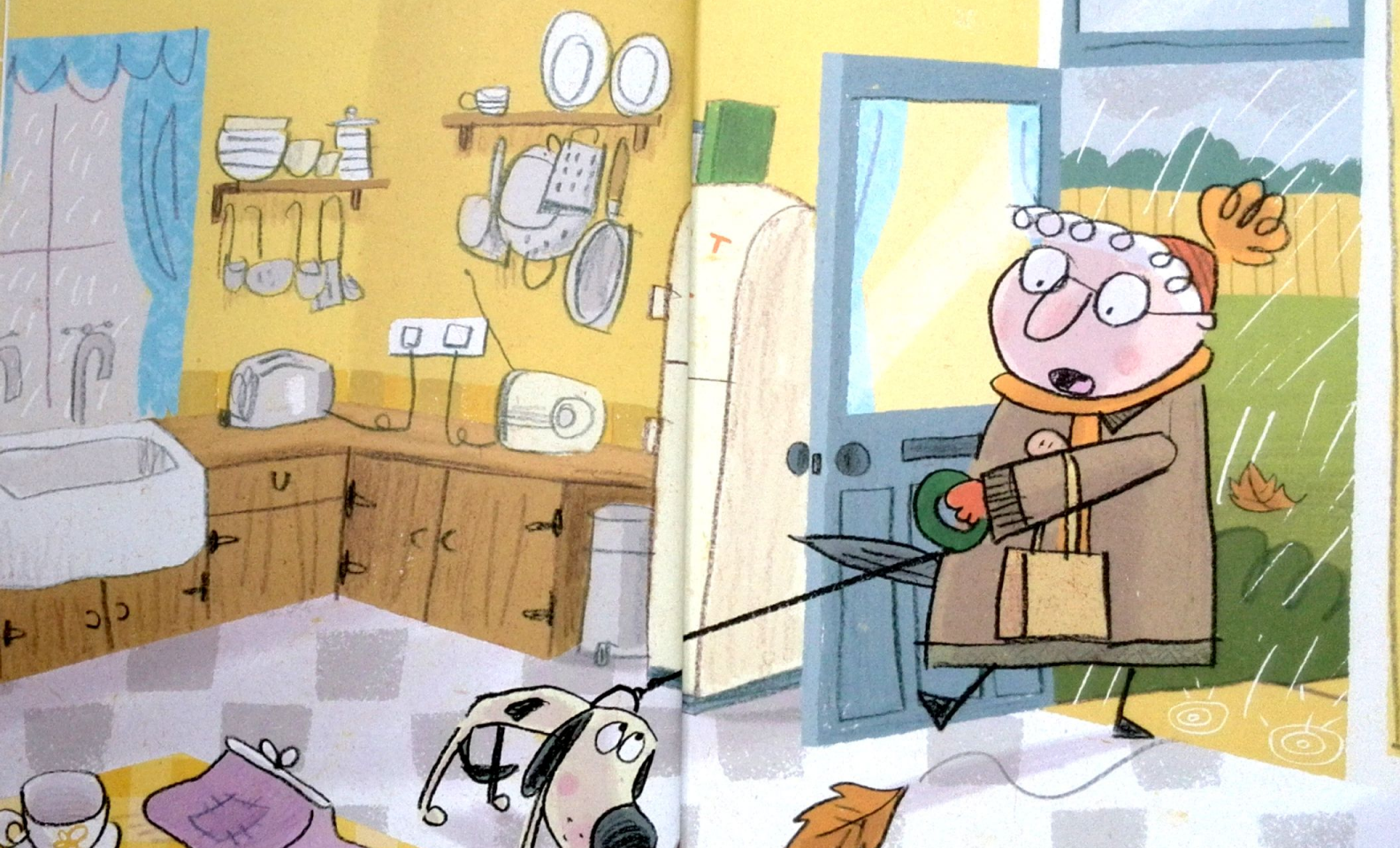
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and put on her warm
winter clothes.



“We’ll have to go out,”
she said with a shout,

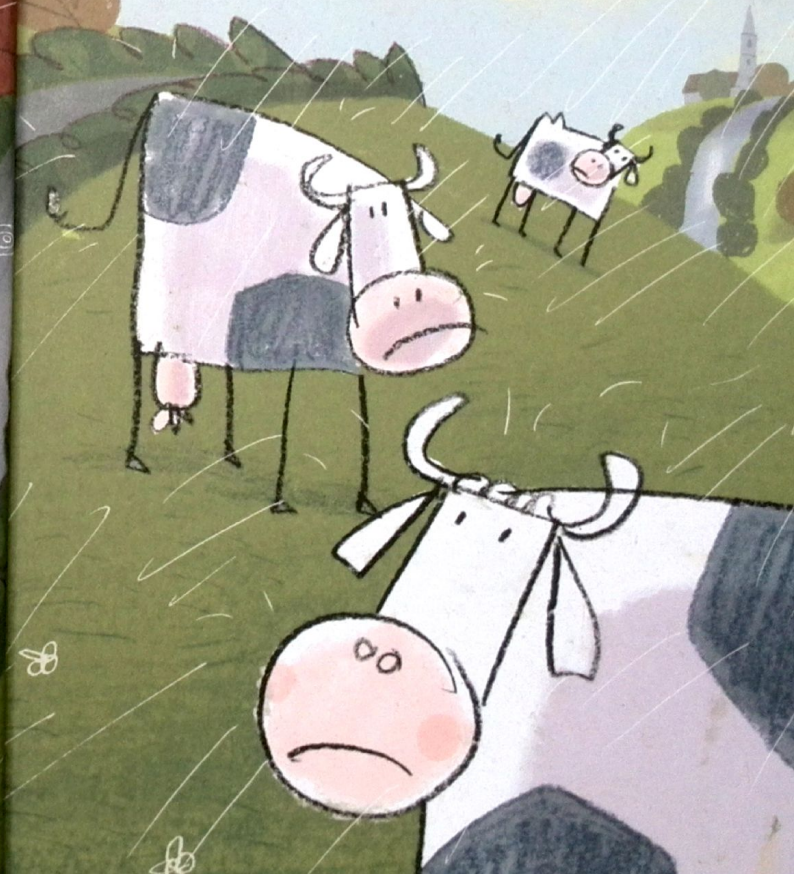
“before all the butchers
are closed.”



So off down the lane,
through wind and
through rain,



went Old Mother
Hubbard and Spot.



'Til they came to a stop,
at Bob's Butcher's Shop.



And they went in to see
what was what.

Bob the Butcher



There was plenty of
meat, for a doggie-sized
treat,



but the old lady picked
out a bone.



Then came the snag,
when she looked in
her bag –



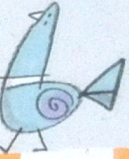
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she had left all her
money at home.



The pair stepped outside.
"Stop thief!" came
Bob's cry.

And a man hurried by
in a flash.



Bob the Butcher



He ran with such speed, he tripped on Spot's lead.



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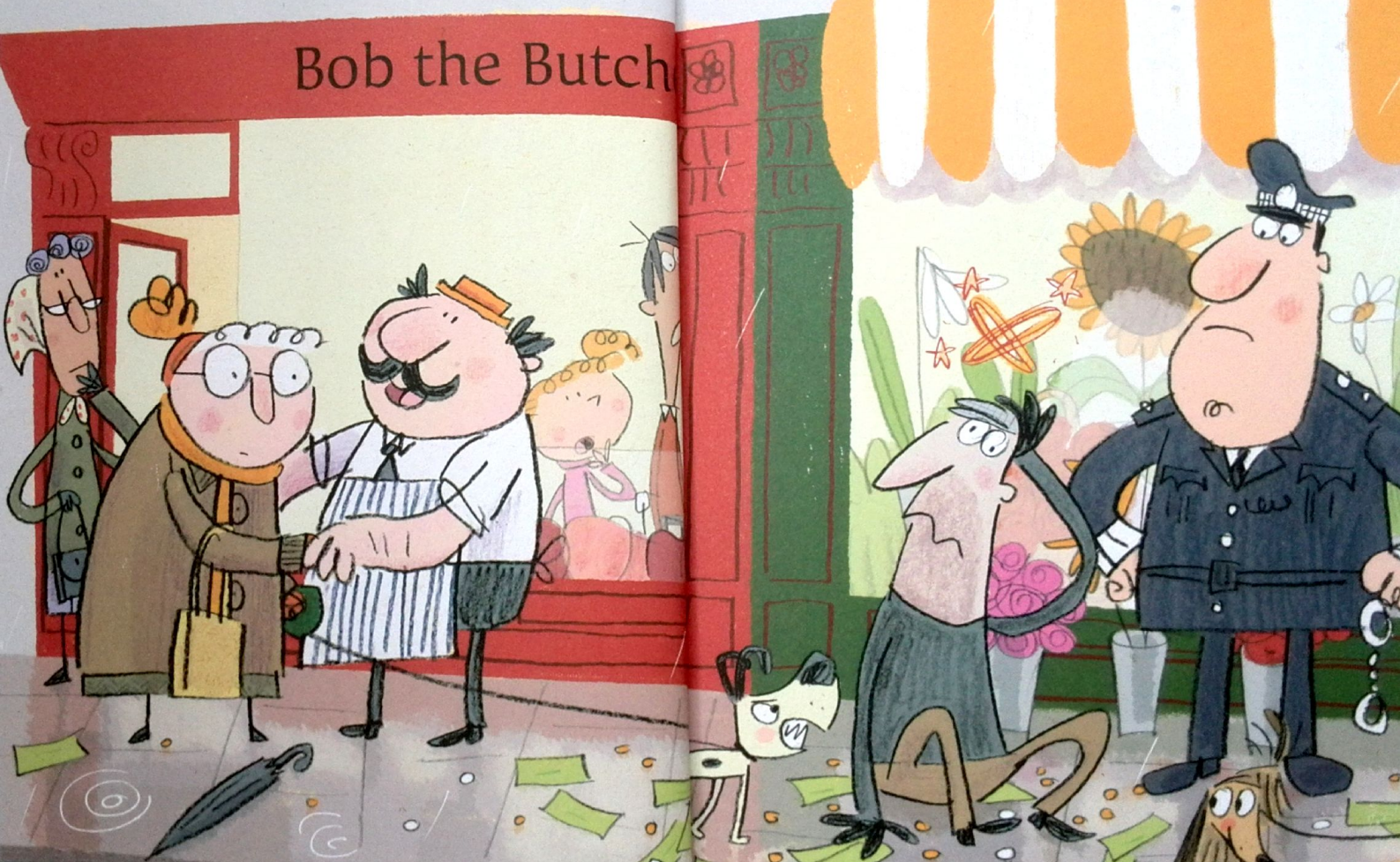
And went flying, along with the cash.



"Your dog stopped that thief," said Bob with relief.

"So I must reward you, my dear."

Bob the Butcher



Now Old Mother
Hubbard has a very
full cupboard.



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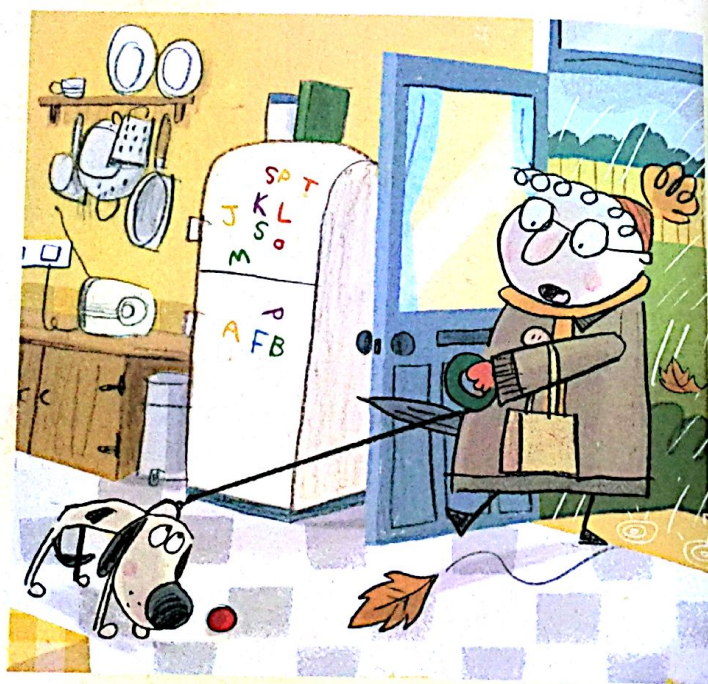
And her doggie has
best steak all year.



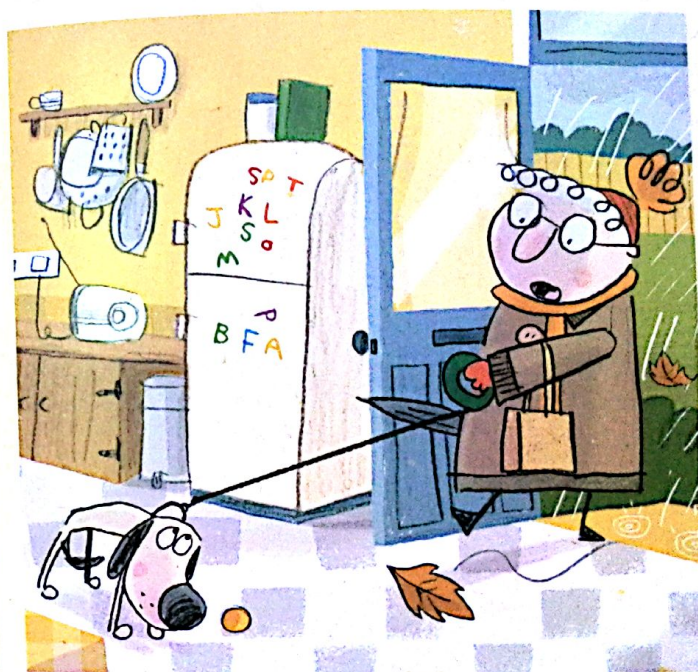
PUZZLES

Puzzle 1

Can you spot the differences between these two pictures?
There are seven to find.



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Puzzle 2

Find these things in the picture:

dog clock cupboard



window cup kettle

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Puzzle 3

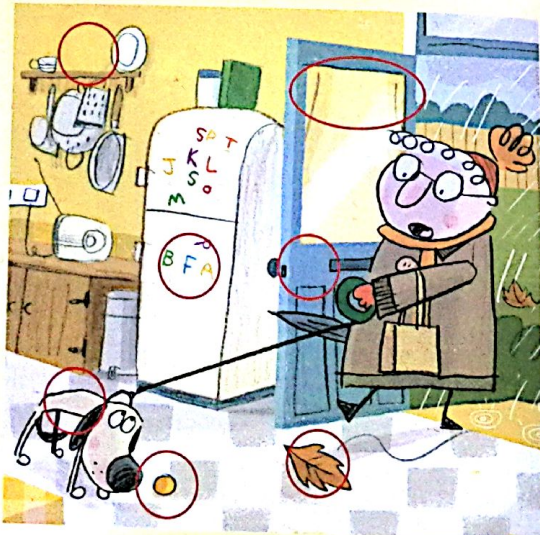
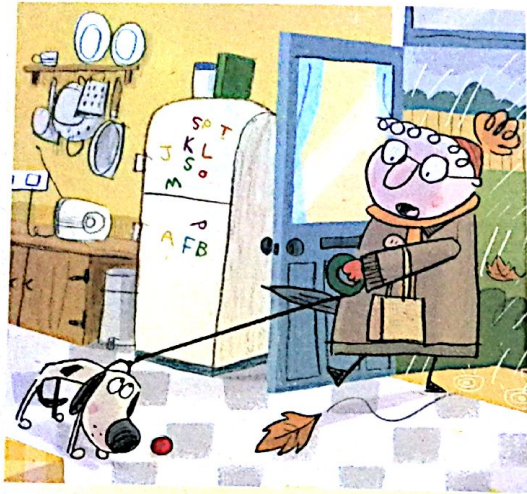
Choose the best sentence for each picture.



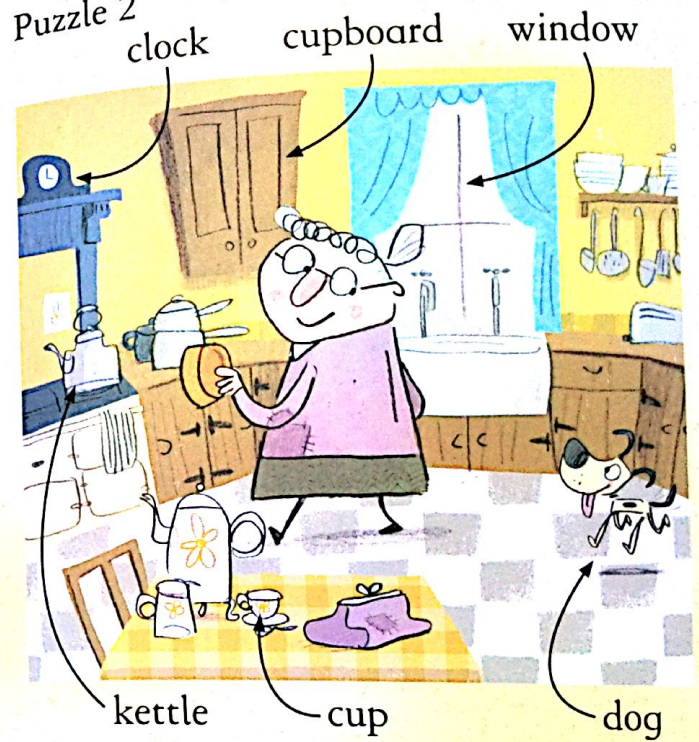
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Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1



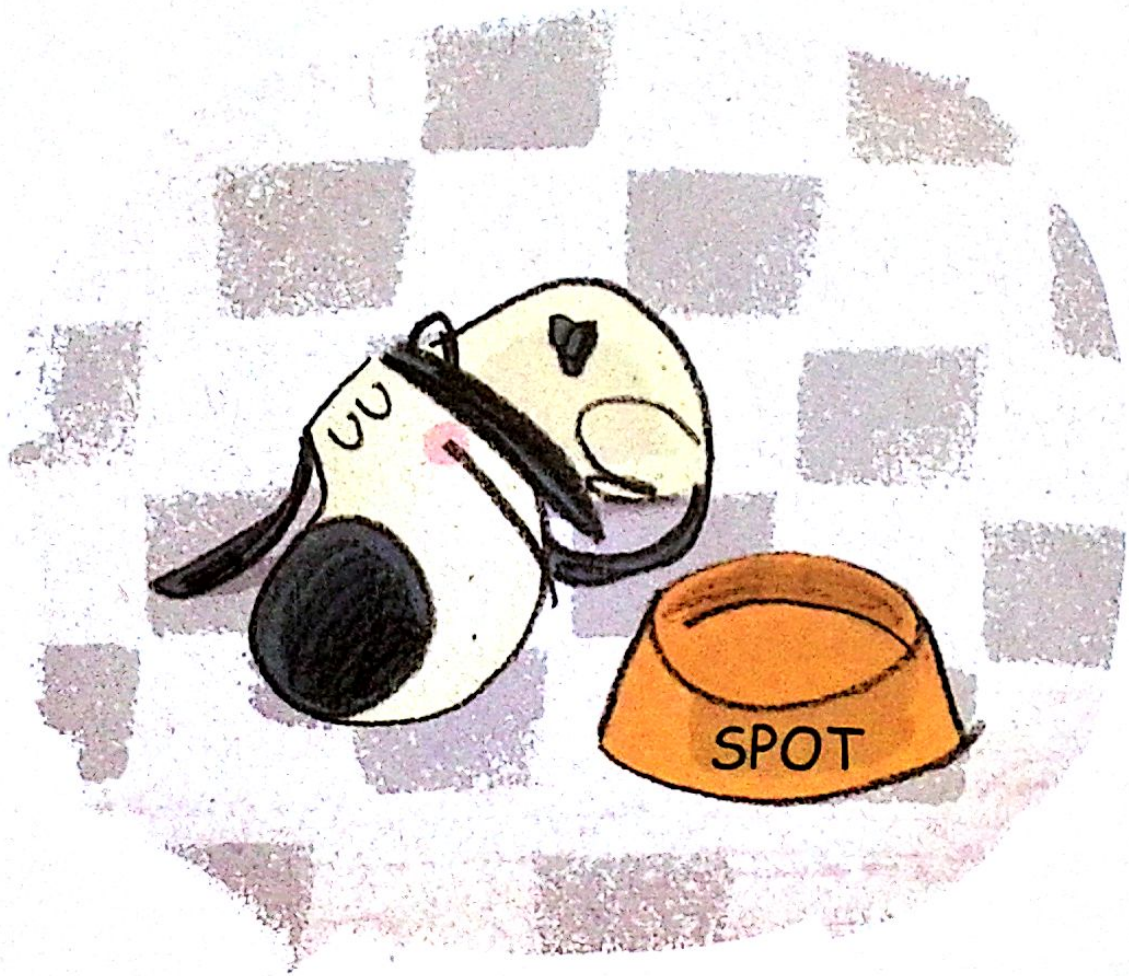
Puzzle 2





Puzzle 3



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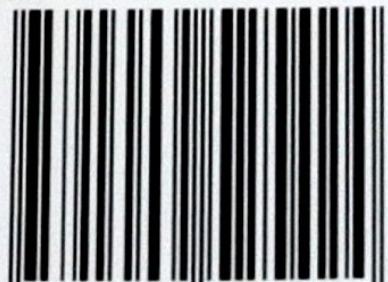
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